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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 3 Percent in January

HARRISBURG, PA, Feb 25, 2011 --- Commercial red meat production in Pennsylvania during January 2011 totaled 105.0 million pounds, dressed weight basis, up 3 percent from January 2010, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 97.9 million pounds live weight, was up 5 percent from January 2010. Total head slaughtered was 78,800, up 4,200 head from last year. Average live weight decreased 9 pounds to 1,253 pounds. Veal production was 4.0 million pounds live weight, down 7 percent from a year ago. Calf slaughter, at 9,500 head, was down 600 head, and average live weight decreased 6 pounds to 425 pounds. Pork production, at 60.8 million pounds live weight, was down less than 1 percent from a year earlier. Total head slaughtered was 230,500, down 2,500 head from January of 2010. Average live weight was 264 pounds, one pound heavier than January of last year. Lamb and mutton production was 229,000 pounds live weight, up 8 percent from a year ago. The number slaughtered was 2,300, up 200 head from January of last year. The average live weight remained unchanged at 100 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production for January totaled 4.04 billion pounds, dressed weight basis, up 3 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in January 2010. Beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, up 1 percent from January 2010. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,301 pounds. Veal production, at 10.8 million pounds, was 7 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,800 head, 13 percent below January 2010. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from last year, at 262 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.90 billion pounds, 5 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.10 million head, 2 percent above January 2010. The average live weight was up 6 pound from the previous year, at 278 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 11.2 million pounds, was 13 percent below January 2010. Sheep and lambs slaughtered totaled 161,100 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 1 pound from January a year ago.

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